

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Judy Magelssen
From Zoom meeting on April 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Carolyn Mangeng called the meeting to order.

Reports

Minutes March 4, 2021: Anyone opposed to accepting the minutes – no. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report by Laurie Walker: Balance is \$5,989.73. Reminder: 2021 dues of \$25.00 can be sent to Laurie Walker. Please include your contact information for verification when you pay your dues.

Extension Agent Report by Carlos Valdez –

1. State Master Gardener Coordinator, Eduardo, resigned. One of the agents is an interim manager.
2. The 2021 Master Gardener Class: Currently 30 people are enrolled, brought in \$2900. Technology has been challenging, partly because some specialists were using Zoom, others Google, and others Canvas. Next topic for Master Gardening class is Water Harvesting.

Demo Garden: Denise George

1. Denise George will send Information about a work party in April.
2. Carlos and Denise are working on a sign for the Mary Zemach memorial. Volunteers are welcome to help with this project – contact Denise.
3. Laurie Walker is going to cut back the Ribbon Grass. Anyone is welcome to help.
4. All grasses, the Yarrow and the Snow Berries also need to be cut back.

New Business:

1. **LAMG Plant Sale June 5, 2021.** Start your plants from seed now. Start other plants when appropriate. See Shari Foley's email dated 3/9/21 for details and volunteer opportunities.
2. **Little Valley Orders.** Laurie Hixson will send out an email reminder. Looking to place order April 15th. Suggestion: if you buy plants for the Demo Garden and for your personal garden, please make two orders. If a plant is on backorder, there should be a place on the form to go ahead and purchase that plant. If a plant is marked resale – that means another company sold that plant to Little Valley.
3. **Memorial for Mary Zemach:** Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 11:00 am. A zoom link was sent out after this meeting.

Program: Laurie Hixson gave a presentation on the White Rock Community Garden. Suggestion after the presentation: LAMG have a field trip to WRCG.

Gardening Questions:

1. Coleen – showed us her Haworthia plant – lower leaves dry, and asked what to do with it. Bob Walker will give her a new baby – start over. Don't over water. Take a healthy cutting and start over. Plant in well drained pot.
2. Dena – how to grow fresh garden peas in her garden. She gets 5 plants from 50 seeds. Don't transplant. Plant in ground mid-March to early April. Cover until established because birds like the seeds and the little plants.
3. Carolyn – Do Viburnum need to be cut back? No, just let them grow.
4. Beverly – I want a Viburnum that produces berries, but it needs to be pollinated. Carlos will look into this.
5. Betsy – Will Penstemon grow in clay soil? Put them in a raised bed with sandy soil. Use gravel not bark. Don't fertilize. However, Rocky Mountain Penstemon will grow anywhere.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next LAMG meeting – May 6, 2021.

Attendees:

Attendance: Carolyn Mangeng, Coleen Meyer, Denise George, Dena Brent, Laurie and Bob Walker, Michelle Berkebile, Carlos Valdez, Betsy Comly, Peggy Reneau, Kok-Heong McNaughton, Judy Magelssen, Laurie Hixson, Vicki Ricketts, Doris Thielemann, Marjorie Selden, Christine Hipp, Beverly Cooper.